



"The adventure begins where the road ends!"

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Subject: DNS 13-082 WHISKEY DICK WILDLIFE AREA SEASONAL
ROAD CLOSURE - Kittitas Co.

The Washington Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers fully supports the temporary seasonal closure of the roads in the Whiskey Dick Wildlife Area. We have supported these closures in the past due to their benefits to the Elk that winter there and the protections provided to the local farmers.

It is well know and proven by science that our wildlife fair better when roads and their use is kept to a minimum. This closure, being temporary and seasonal allows for recreation and hunting while providing needed protections for our elk.

Originally these closures included the lower roads along the Columbia River. We would like to see these protections remain. Even without these lower closures we still support.

Sincerely,

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